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*Mortality statistics of San Nicholas, October 1, 1890 to January 31, 1901.*

CEBU, P. I., February 7, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit report of mortality statistics, as handed in to the health officer for the past four months as follows for the town of San Nicholas:

October, 1900: Fever, 26; intermittent fever, 28; smallpox, 1; putrid fever, 1; dysentery, 2; diarrhea, 1; phthisis, 2; hemoptysis, 1; beriberi, 4; gunshot wound, 1; old age, 1; natural, 1; paralysis, 1; relapse from previous illness, nature not stated, 1. Total, 71.

November, 19: Fever, 30; intermittent fever, 2; dysentery, 7; colic, 1; phthisis, 1; beriberi, 5; dropsy, 1; unknown cause, 1. Total, 48.

December, 1900: Fever, 22; intermittent fever, 11; beriberi, 1. Total, 34.

January, 1901: Fever, 20; intermittent fever, 17; smallpox, 1; phthisis, 1; diarrhea, 1; beriberi, 3; leprosy, 1; paralysis, 4; gunshot wound, 2. Total, 50.

Estimated population of St. Nicholas is 15,000.

During this period no mortality records have been kept for the town of Cebu.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,*

*Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.*

H. A. STANSFIELD,

*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,*

PORTO RICO.

*Report from Ponce.*

PONCE, P. R., March 11, 1901.

SIR: Through chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended March 9, 1901, mortality statistics of February.

Only 1 vessel was inspected and passed and 3 bills were issued. The American steamship *Californian* sailed this week for New Orleans with 560 immigrants for Hawaii.

Since last report, 13 new cases of smallpox have appeared and 17 cases recovered. No deaths.

The isolation camp and hospital is not yet ready for patients, and many cases are quarantined in their houses. Public vaccination is done every morning in the Plaza, and some hundreds have been so treated with good results. The virus used is made on the island. Most vessels touching here have refused to take passengers and baggage.

Respectfully,

F. ALEMAN,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,*  
*In Temporary Charge.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

[Inclosure.]

*Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding district) during the month of February, 1901.*

Diseases of the digestive system.....	46	Gangrene.....	1
Diseases of the respiratory system.....	7	Metritis.....	2
Diseases of the circulatory system.....	4	Dysentery.....	1
Diseases of the nervous system.....	4	Tetanus, infantile.....	1
Anæmia, malnutrition, inanition, etc..	24	Tetanus, traumatic.....	1
Tuberculosis.....	11	Alcoholism.....	1
Puerperal fever.....	1		
Cancer.....	1	Total.....	122
Malaria.....	14		

## STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

*Another death from plague at Singapore.*

SINGAPORE, February 4, 1901.

SIR: For the Department's information, I have the honor to transmit inclosed herewith copy of a letter from the acting colonial secretary Straits Settlements, with statement regarding a fatal case of plague at 4 Tapah Road, Singapore, reported on the 1st instant, and informing that all possible precautions to prevent the disease spreading had been taken.

The public have been notified that owing to the occurrence of the above case of plague, it is necessary to put in force the provisions of chapter 11 A (relating to the disinfection of persons leaving this settlement) of the Venice Convention.

Respectfully,

J. M. CAMPBELL,

*Acting United States Vice and Deputy Consul-General.*

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure.]

SINGAPORE, February 2, 1901.

1. The principal medical officer reports that a fatal case of plague was discovered in Singapore on the 1st instant, the deceased being a coolie named Permal, living at 4 Tapah Street. He was attended by one Sammy, who reported on the morning of the 1st instant to the municipal health officer that he believed deceased had died of plague.

2. The boy was removed to the mortuary, and though there were no post-mortem appearances of plague, external or internal, a bacteriological examination of blood from the spleen showed plague bacilli in abundance.

3. The municipal health officer states that deceased was a coolie employed in 89 Market street, where the previous case (which was discovered on the 15th ultimo and was reported to you on the 16th ultimo) occurred, and was sent with the other inmates of that house to St. Johns, where he remained for ten days.

4. He had been in the house in which he died for the previous eight days.

5. All possible precautions to prevent the disease spreading have been taken.

W. EDGERTON,

*Acting Colonial Secretary, Straits Settlements.*